



# Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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## **MINUTES**

April 7, 2009  
500 West Temple Street  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Hearing Room 374-A  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2009**

On Motion of Commissioner Leiga, seconded by Commissioner Patricia Gray, the March 3, 2009 minutes were approved as presented with the abstention of Commissioner Westall who did not attend the meeting.

### **COMMISSION VACANCIES**

The following vacancies were reported:

- First Supervisorial District – Chairperson Kelley reported that he is in contact with the First District to appoint a candidate to the Commission.
- Fourth Supervisorial District – Commissioner Waite is working with the Fourth District to appoint a candidate.
- Mayor, City of Los Angeles – Commissioner Gomez will be in contact with the office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles.

Chairperson Kelley welcomed and introduced newly appointed Commissioner Andrew Westall to the Commission. Commissioner Westall is representing President, Los Angeles City Council.

COMMISSION PROJECT STATUS:

Real Estate Update:

Vice Chairperson Wilhelm and Commissioner Patricia Gray reported the following:

- Vice Chairperson Wilhelm and Commissioner Patricia Gray met with Mr. John Edmisten, Chief Executive Office, Facilities & Asset Management Administration to discuss real estate asset management, which provides for the planning, implementation, and management of real property related matters, including recommendations for the funding of new capital projects, commercial development of potentially surplus property.
- Real estate asset management implicates efficient utilization of County-owned properties as well as strategic acquisition of facilities from the private sector when necessary. Mr. Edmisten explained the process by which the County evaluates its usage of County-owned real estate to maximize efficiency. Vice Chairperson Wilhelm further stated that a follow-up meeting was scheduled to discuss the County's method of acquiring real estate from the private sector.
- Commissioner Patricia Gray stated that the original goals of the Commission when it first studied real state asset management was for the County to have policies in place that would enable County municipalities to utilize vacant or under-utilized County assets; and ensure that the County only went into the market to purchase or lease real estate assets when necessary, and that mechanisms were in place to ensure that the County only did so after evaluating the availability of other non-County government facilities (if any). Commissioner Patricia Gray further stated that enabling municipalities to use vacant or under-utilized County assets requires a system by which those entities can discern the existence of such vacant or under-utilized County assets.
- Commissioner Leiga inquired about the nature of the County's real estate asset management database and how searchable is the database. Vice Chairperson Wilhelm stated that CEO is currently using a system which has limited capabilities; however, the County is in the process of a significant technology upgrade.

Chairperson Kelley requested to continue this item for further discussion to the next meeting.

Taxi Cab Task Force Report

Task Force Chair Reddock and Vice Chair Ponder reported the following:

- Vice Chair Ponder recommended moving forward with a proposal for a common regional driver permit process, and Chairperson Kelley concurred that the Task Force should engage primarily on issues related to achieving that goal.

- Commissioner Calhoun provided information regarding taxi cab policies within different cities.
- Vice Chairperson Wilhelm stated that the “gas price” issue the Task Force had indicated it would be evaluating what was already being accounted for in existing taxi cost metrics. Vice Chairperson Wilhelm further indicated that while there may be imperfections in the method by which occasional price spikes are accounted for in those metrics, addressing those imperfections should be done in the context of evaluating taxi cost metrics, generally, which is beyond the Task Force’s current focus. Chairperson Kelley indicated that the issue of taxi cost metrics should be considered as an issue for the Task Force to address in the future.
- The Task Force intends to produce preliminary recommendations for the Board of Supervisors regarding possible improvements to the transportation for hire system in third quarter 2009.
- The Transportation for Hire Task Force is scheduled to reconvene in May 2009.

Solid Waste Management

Vice Chairperson Wilhelm and Commissioner Waite reported the following:

- Vice Chairperson Wilhelm and Commissioner Waite met with Mr. Coby Skye from Department of Public Works to discuss ways to encourage cities to replace transfer stations with conversion technologies that would minimize landfill disposal and cut emissions associated with use of transfer stations.
- Commissioner Waite spoke with the City of Carson waste management coordinator and the planning manager who are open to discussing use of conversion technologies at the Carson transfer station, which may be relocating.
- The benefits of conversion technologies are the ability to more efficiently manage residual municipal solid waste, reduce waste exporting, and reduce green house gas emissions.
- Commissioner Waite further stated that a follow-up meeting is scheduled with the Department of Public Works to further discuss the possibility of relocating the Carson’s waste management facility.

Chairperson Kelley requested to continue this item for further discussion to the next meeting.

Green Buildings

Chairperson Kelley recommended not moving forward a proposed "Green Buildings" forum because there are already sufficient forums for discussion within the City and County. The Commissions efforts in this regard would be overlapping and duplicative.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)**

George Britton, Commission Services, reported that the Commission's website is now available. The website can be accessible by logging into <http://lgsc.lacounty.gov>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyler K. Kelley  
Thomas Wilhelm  
Algird Leiga  
Alexander Ponder  
Barry Waite  
Gordon Gray  
Barbara Calhoun  
Mark Burman  
Jimmy Gomez  
Patricia Gray  
Angela Reddock  
Andrew Westall

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Shana Epstein  
Rodrigo Guerra, Jr.  
David Spence

GUEST(S)

None

STAFF

George Britton, Board of Supervisors  
Mireya Rivera, Board of Supervisors